Docket No : KRO-10502/36

Examiner: G. A. Blankenship

(PATENT)

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Utility Application of:

Jorg Jahn et al.

Application No.: 10/587,317

Confirmation No.: 3475

Art Unit: 3612 Filed: July 26, 2006

DEVICE FOR ACTUATING AT LEAST For:

ONE PIVOTED EXTERIOR ELEMENT OF A VEHICLE

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Final Office Action or Notice of Allowance, whichever occurred first, but on or before payment of the Issue Fee (37 CFR 1.97(d)). Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) that the Information Disclosure Statement he considered

I hereby certify, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1), that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

A partial translation of the non-English language reference is enclosed.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii), Applicant has not submitted copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent applications. Applicant submits herewith copies of foreign patents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2).

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references. This Search Report was submitted at the time of filing on July 26, 2006.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure

Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrent with this Information Disclosure Statement. The fee of \$180 set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is being paid herewith by credit card. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180, under Order No. KRO-10502/36.

Dated: June 21, 2010

Respectfully submitted

Douglas L. Wathen

Registration No.: 41,369

GIFFORD, KRASS, SPRINKLE, ANDERSON & CITKOWSKI, P.C.

2701 Troy Center Drive, Suite 330 Post Office Box 7021

Troy, Michigan 48007-7021

(734) 913-9300

(734) 913-6007 (Fax) Attorney for Applicant